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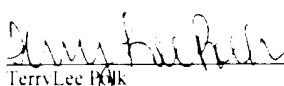
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BENVENISTE et al. Examiner: Chunduru, S.  
Serial No.: 09 673.555 Group Art Unit: 1656  
Filed: February 13, 2001 Docket No.: 9320.113USWO  
Title: AMPLIFICATION PROCESS OF THE FORMATION OF LIGAND-  
RECEPTOR COMPLEXES AND ITS USE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

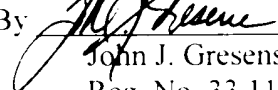
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 4 (four)-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 5, 2001, said period of response being extended from June 21, 2001 to October 21, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$1,440.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: 10/2/01

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